pipeline network to Mumbai and Delhi through its Joint Ventures, M/s Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) in Mumbai and M/s Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) in Delhi. GAIL propose to take up city gas distribution projects in other cities also. In Andhra Pradesh, GAIL has set up a Joint Venture Company with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) for taking up city gas distribution projects in Vijayawada and Hyderabad-Secunderabad and other major towns in the State. Further, GAIL, in association with Oil Marketing Companies, is also taking up city gas distribution projects in Agra, Lucknow, Bareilly, Kanpur and Pune. Action has already been initiated for expanding the city gas distribution projects in Thane and Navi Mumbai by MGL and in Gurgaon, Faridabad and Noida by IGL

Oil and gas exploration in Tamil Nadu

2195. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of various ongoing oil/gas explorations in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the current status of the Narimanam project in particular; and

(c) the proposal/ plan regarding the utilization of the gas/oil available in the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As on 1.4.2004, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has acquired 39,948 Ground Line Kilometer of 2D seismic, 1,811 Square Kilometer of 3D seismic surveys and drilled 404 exploratory wells in the State of Tamil Nadu. These exploratory efforts of ONGC have led to the discovery of 26 hydrocarbon finds (18 oil and 8 gas) with initial in-place reserve accretion of 117.58 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) of oil and oil equivalent of gas in the State.

In addition, two exploration blocks, namely CY-ONN-2002/1and CYONN-2002/2 have been awarded to the consortium of Enpro Finance Private Ltd., GAIL India Ltd. (GAIL) and Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation; and ONGC and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. respectively under the fourth round of the New Exploration Licensing Policy.

(b) ONGC started production of crude oil and natural gas from the Narimanam field in the year 1984-85 and the current rate of production is

about 280 Tonnes per day of oil and 71,319 Cubic Meter per day of gas from the field.

(c) The entire crude oil produce, about 0.375 MMT per annum, by ONGC from the Karaikai Asset (including the Narimanam field) is sold to the designated refinery, M/s Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Nagapattinam.

As far as gas is concerned, it is mainly associated gas that is produced in the Narimanam field. It is sour in nature. ONGC has planned to sell the gas for which a tender has been floated.

The remaining gas, about 605 Million Metric Standard Cubic Meter per annuam produced by ONGC from the Karaikal assets is sold to M/s GAIL and a small quantity is supplied to M/s Southern Energy Development Corporation, Karaikai from the Kovikalappal field under direct marketing by ONGC.

Supply of piped gas in Government colonies

2196. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas covered by the piped gas in Government colonies in Delhi;

(b) the areas proposed to be covered by Government for supplying gas through pipes in the current year;

(c) the reasons for not connecting the areas like Laxmibai Nagar and INA Colony in New Delhi;

(d) whether Government have received any representation from the residents/Residents' Welfare Associations for installing the said system; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) M/s Indraprastha Gas Ltd. (IGL) is supplying Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to households in the NCT of Delhi. Currently, the